are not distressed because the prevailing market prices of chilli are remunerative to the farmers.

(b) Does not arise.

Information regarding high quality seeds

† 1049. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh steps have been taken for provising information regarding high quality seeds to the poor farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any concrete steps, providing information about and to provide high quality seeds, to farmers of inaccessible areas throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIHUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Information on seeds is disseminated to farmers by agricultural extension personnel, State Agricultural Universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, etc. through leaflets, pamphlets, radio and television programmes, articles in newspapers and periodicals, distribution of seeds minikits, field demonstrations, awareness campaigns, Krishak Goshthis, Rythu Bazars, Kisan Melas and Agriculture Exhibitions, etc.

(c) and (d) Quality seeds are made available in remote areas through sales outlets of Agriculture Extension Centres, Cooperatives, Seed Corporations and private seed dealers.

Availability of mixed breed seeds

† 1050. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for easy availability of sophisticated mixed breed seeds, produced indigenously and abroad, for the farmers of all the States of the country;

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